

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD - DISTRICT V

Minutes May 1, 2000

The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. in the *Meadowlark Room*, Sedgwick County Education Extension Center, Ridge and 21st Street.

Members Present

David Almes
Bob Bulman
Sean Cash
David Dennis
Mo Ediger
Margarita LaFarelle Hunt
Andy Johnson
Vince Miller
Texanita Randle

Members Absent

Bob Sorenson
Fran Hoggatt

City Staff

Pat Burnett
Marvin Krout

Guests

(Listed on page).

City Clerk, Pat Burnet, administered the oath of office for Advisory Board Members Maurice Ediger, Margarita Hunt, and Texanita Randle, completing the swearing-in procedure for all District V Advisory Board Members.

Councilmember Bob Martz began the meeting at 7:06 p.m., welcoming the public to the meeting.

The minutes of the April 3, 2000 meeting were unanimously approved **Johnson (Dennis)**.

The meeting agenda was corrected to read, "Rezoning requests at the SE corner of Maple & Ridge, Z-3359 and Z-3360" regarding the Planning item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Appointments

Councilmember Martz stated that District Advisory Board appointments to two groups were needed. As noted at the previous meeting, Member Bob Bulman previously expressed interest in serving on the *MIS/NW Wichita Traffic Relief Study Task Force*. With the Board's agreement, Councilmember Martz appointed Bulman to the Task Force.

Councilmember Martz stated that two Advisory Board Members were needed to serve on the *Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Oversight Committee*. **Councilmember Martz** asked staff to explain the role of the *Oversight Committee*. Staff explained that the committee would meet quarterly, beginning in June, to fulfill a federal grant administration requirement for a citizen group to provide feedback about the City's CSBG-funded activities. The funding is targeted for designated areas defined as low-income by Federal guidelines. The areas are likely to need special services or have more demand for services compared to higher-income areas. Examples of CSBG activities include neighborhood clean-ups, prescription drugs for Project Access—a partnership grant project with the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Sedgwick County, and other community agencies for individuals without health insurance or adequate income for health care to receive routine health care services—and Mini-City Hall expenses that enhance service delivery to the targeted population. Board Members Vince Miller and Sean Cash volunteered to serve on the *CSBG Oversight Committee*.

2. Reports on Public Information Meetings

(Fran Hoggatt arrived.)

Councilmember Martz reported on the public information meetings held in April. The *MIS/NW Wichita Traffic Relief Study* was presented on April 20, 2000 by Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC), hosted by the Public Works Department. The goal was to provide an update on the ongoing study of northwest Wichita traffic congestion. The study is attempting to determine which east-west streets are best suited for bridges to carry the increased traffic over I-235 and the Big Ditch. Several options for bridges including 25th North, routing traffic to Zoo or 29th North; 21st Street; and 13th Street are being considered. Current traffic counts and projected counts to year 2030 are being utilized for long-range planning. **Bob Bulman** expressed concern about possible errors in the 2030 projections; **Councilmember Martz** recognized his concern, stating that Planning staff had spoke with PEC about the need to examine the numbers.

Information on the *Cowskin Creek Master Drainage Plan* was presented on April 17, 2000. Chris Carrier, Storm Water Management Engineer/Public Works Department, discussed the recommendations in the study completed by Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) for flood control. Representatives from Black & Veatch, hired by the City to build upon the PEC study, then spoke about Black & Veatch's stormwater experience, the background of the Cowskin Creek Drainage Basin, and the historical flooding that occurred on Halloween 1998 and September 1999. Technical aspects of the master plan were also presented including the project schedule. A question/answer session followed with concerns focused on the need for immediate measures that could provide homeowners with precautions before completing the project.

Sean Cash inquired why the plan for the designated area of flood control ended at Kellogg. **Councilmember Martz** explained that no major impact from the previous floods occurred south of Kellogg. He stated that the information from the study and the flood control measures implemented will pilot additional studies and measures in other areas of the city.

David Dennis noted the necessity to move forward with actions once the recommendations are determined. **Councilmember Martz** agreed and encouraged Board Members to help keep the process moving forward.

3. Update on suggestion for assisting with flood watch (measuring pole)

Councilmember Martz told Members that he had discussed the measuring pole with the City Manager and Storm Water staff. **David Almes** suggested that the poles be set at several sites in the area of concern.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Community Gardening Projects

Councilmember Martz discussed the community gardening projects as approved by the Council for the City to partner with the Great Plains Earth Institute and the Community Gardening Coalition in their Urban Garden effort. He noted that an important aspect to the project's success will be informing the community about the opportunity. Board Members suggested that information be provided to schools, retirement communities, homeowner associations, and neighborhood associations through direct communication and the local media, Channel 7, and City website.

BOARD AGENDA

5. Community Police Contact Information

(Contact information was provided with the Meeting Agenda as requested by Board Members. No Police Officers were in attendance.)

TRAFFIC AGENDA

No items received.

PLANNING AGENDA

6. **Rezoning requests at the SE corner of Maple & Ridge, Z-3359 and Z-3360**

The District Advisory Board previously heard resident concerns at the April 3, 2000 meeting regarding the rezoning requests and determined that additional information was needed due to issues associated with traffic and notification. As a result, the City Council deferred action on April 11, 2000, requesting that the additional information be provided to the District Advisory Board at this meeting.

Councilmember Martz introduced Marvin Krout, Director of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Planning Department, to address the rezoning requests. **Krout** provided the zoning history of the area including action taken by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) in consideration of the proposed use. He noted that rezoning of the southeast corner to commercial would be appropriate with the intersection as the other three corners are currently commercial.

Krout continued to explain that a Protective Overlay has been approved by MAPC to accommodate the residential neighborhood. The overlay limits signage, lighting, and building height and requires a six foot high masonry wall where adjacent to residentially zoned property. The wall has a twenty foot landscape bugger line.

Regarding traffic concerns, **Krout** stated that construction of a right turn lane from Ridge Road east on Maple is planned to discourage traffic cutting through the neighborhood to avoid the traffic light at the intersection. In addition, an existing mountable median can be used by traffic exiting the proposed commercial area to turn left onto Maple. Based on traffic counts, **Krout** estimated a daily total of ten cars would need to turn left.

Krout explained that due to the number of signatures on the protest petitions within two hundred (200) feet of the property on Ridge, a majority vote by the City Council would be required for approval of the rezoning. The property on Summitlawn will require six (6) favorable votes from the seven (7) Councilmembers.

Both Advisory Board Members and members of the public expressed concerns about lack of notification.

Other

7. **Neighborhood University, "Partnering for Results"** - Saturday, April 29, 8:30-3:30, WSU Hughes Metroplex, Oliver and E. 29th Street

Adjourn

PLANNING AGENDA

No items.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **10:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brown,
Neighborhood Assistant, District V

Guests

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Wilfred Stump	400 S. Scouller
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Kim Edgington	335 N. Waco, Suite 200
Dan Voorhis	Wichita Eagle, 825 E. Douglas
Bobby R. Wiley	WPD, Patrol West
Robert Wood	WPD, Patrol West
William Wagner	WPD, Patrol West
Trinity Steele	WPD, Patrol West
Misty Bruckner	CMO, 455 N. Main